Friday, March 13, 2009

POLICE

3/5/09 - 3/11/09

Traffic Summons - **78**Calls for Service - **557**Incident Base Reports - **40**Reportable Criminal Arrest - **37**2009 YTD Calls for Service - **4,947**

--Amber Fulcher



The Henry County Sheriff's Office and Martinsville Police Department held the third session of the 2009 Senior Police Academy at the Salvation Army Headquarters on Memorial Boulevard Wednesday.

Speakers were Investigator John Cassell of the Henry County Sheriff's Office and Martinsville Police Department Officer T. J. Slaughter.

Investigator Cassell explained common situations in which an officer may have to take someone into custody. Cassell then demonstrated the proper use of arrest and restraint techniques and the various tools available to an officer using MPD Officer Slaughter as a volunteer.

Officer Slaughter gave the second presentation on traffic stop safety and tactics which included classroom instruction and videos of real traffic stops.

Afterward, Officer Slaughter conducted a mock traffic stop in the parking lot using Inv. Cassell as a volunteer. The demonstration allowed attendees

to view a police car up close and learn how police officers work to make vehicle stops safer for themselves and the motoring public.

--Scott Coleman

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center distributed over 800 copies of the Senior Times newsletter by mail on February 27. Any senior wishing to be on the mailing list may call the Senior Center at 403-5260.

New floor coverings are being installed at the Senior Center. Senior programs normally held at the Senior Center have been held at the Armory during the installation. All floor work should be completed by the end of this week. While at the Armory, Barbara Shrader presented a program on hypothermia to the nutrition site participants.

Plans are now being made for Bowler Appreciation Day to be held at Druid Lanes Bowling Alley on March 20.

--Betsy Pace

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Susan McCulloch and Wayne Knox, along with the other department heads worked on submitting potential projects into the Virginia Stimulus website during the week of March 2. Mr. Knox attended the annual meeting of the Dan River Basin Association on March 7 in Eden, North Carolina.

Finally, the Architectural Review Board sponsored a seminar on historic tax credits on February 25 at The New College Institute. This is one of a series of opportunities for the public to learn about the facets of commercial and residential revitalization.

--Wayne Knox

